

# Counting Strings

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If you've done the [Rapid Software Testing course](http://www.developsense.com/courses.html) (<http://www.developsense.com/courses.html>), then you'll probably be familiar with the [Perlclip](http://www.satisfice.com/tools.shtml) (<http://www.satisfice.com/tools.shtml>) tool, from [James Bach](http://www.satisfice.com/aboutjames.shtml) (<http://www.satisfice.com/aboutjames.shtml>). If not, its a useful tool for generating strings of test text. In particular I find the Perlclip Counter-string function to be pretty useful. Counter-string builds a string that indicates its own length. E.g.: `"*3*5*7*10"` The last asterisk is the 10th character.

**Now available as a Firefox Add-on (<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/counting-strings-addon/>)!**

I've taken the counterstring functionality and implemented it in HTML and Javascript. While this form does not do everything the original [and the best] does, It might be useful for it to be accessible anywhere via a web page. All credit for the usefulness of this goes to James Bach, all the bugs are probably my doing.

Thats right - its got bugs, like you don't have to enter a character for the 'mark' or it lets you use numbers for the 'mark'. Older versions did odd things in IE6 etc. There are no doubt many more bugs...

Display a string of length:

The character: marks the spot.

The String you requested is:

The string created has a length of: